**COLBINABBIN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**SUNSMART POLICY**

**FEBRUARY 2008**

Our Sunsmart policy has been developed to ensure that all children attending this school are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays of the sun. It is to be implemented throughout the year but with particular emphasis in Terms 1 and 4.

As part of general SunSmart strategies, our school will:

**Behaviour**

* encourage children to wear hats which protect the face, neck and ears whenever they are outside (eg. recess, lunch, sport, excursions)
* work with the parent community to provide SPF 15+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen for staff and students use whenever possible.
* encourage staff and parents to act as role models by practising SunSmart behaviours.
* encourage children to wear UV swim shirts during school swimming program.

**Curriculum**

* incorporate programs on skin cancer prevention into the curriculum.
* regularly reinforce SunSmart behaviour in a positive way through newsletters, parents meetings, student and teacher activities.

**Environment**

* schedule outdoor activities before 11.00am and after 3.00pm during Terms 1 and 4 whenever possible.
* organise outdoor activities to be held in areas of shade whenever possible.
* work toward increasing the number of shelters and trees so as to provide adequate shade in the school grounds.